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Letter dated 9 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The unprecedented recent increase in ceasefire violations by Azerbaijan along the line of contact once again serves as a reminder that Azerbaijan is not committed to the agreement reached during the trilateral meeting of the Armenian, Russian and Azerbaijani Presidents in Sochi (Russia) on 5 March 2011. Instead of showing commitment to the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno Karabakh issue (a commitment which it proclaims to adhere to), Azerbaijan continues to escalate tensions and impede the peace process.

The Azerbaijani side is brazenly attempting to distract the international community's attention from the reality on the ground by shifting the responsibility for its own militaristic actions and ceasefire violations on others and sparing no effort in portraying them as aggressor. The practice of putting the blame on others in order to hide its own crimes has become a regular exercise for Azerbaijan.

The latest attempt is the unfounded accusation, contained in the recent letter from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan (contained in document A/65/780-S/2011/132), concerning the killing of a 9-year-old child on 8 March. The information circulated by the Azerbaijani authorities about this tragic incident is nothing but an attempt to save the tarnished image of the country, which has obviously suffered after the murder of an Armenian soldier by an Azerbaijani sniper on the eve of the above-mentioned meeting in Sochi, thus deviating the attention of the international community. The scribblers of Azerbaijani disinformation should

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realize that such cheap steps are not only unconvincing, but are shameful, as a life of a child is being used as a propaganda tool.

Concerned by the reports of ceasefire violations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Mission conducted monitoring along the line of contact. While the Nagorno Karabakh authorities followed their early commitment and allowed the representatives of the OSCE Mission to assess the situation as agreed, Azerbaijan did not grant access to the OSCE Mission despite the prior agreement. If Azerbaijan is really committed to investigating the violations of ceasefire, as it purports to be in the above-mentioned letter, then it should cooperate with the OSCE Mission and not obstruct its work.

To further aggravate the situation, on the day of monitoring, 10 March, Azerbaijan violated the ceasefire once again in several sections of the line of contact, resulting in the death of a 19-year-old serviceman of the Defence Army of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Arthur Aghababyan, near Kuropatkino village.

Other despicable violations committed by Azerbaijan during the month of March include the following incidents:

- Grigor Shakhqian, born in 1991, serviceman of the Defence Army of Nagorno Karabkh Republic, was shot while he was off-day and riding in the back of a truck in the area of Verin-Chaylu village on 4 March 2011 at around 14.30. He was pronounced dead at 15.00, on the road to a hospital.
- Aharon Hayrapetyan, born in 1991, serviceman of the Defence Army of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, was shot in the vicinity of the Sarijanli village on 17 March 2011 at 17.34. He was admitted to the Stepanakert hospital emergency ward at 18.20 where he was pronounced dead at 18.59.
- Hovhannes Avdalyan, born in 1991, sergeant of the Defence Army of Nagorno Karabakh Republic, was shot in the vicinity of the Jraberd village on 3 March 2011 at 11.10. He was admitted to the Stepanakert hospital emergency ward at 14.00 and, although his life was saved, he currently remains in a serious condition.

All these facts once again show that Azerbaijan continues to violate the tripartite agreement on confidence-building measures reached in Sochi, further undermining the Nagorno Karabakh peace process through provocative actions.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex on the ceasefire violations for the period from 1 March to 1 April 2011, circulated as document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 34, 39, 66 and 75, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex to the letter dated 9 April 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations

Violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan from 1 March to 1 April 2011

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
1.	Baganis	01.03.11 13.50	AK	1
2.	Paravaqar	02.03.11 11.05	AK	10
3.	Chinari	03.03.11 10.30	AK SVD	35 5
4.	Chinari	03.03.11 12.30	SVD	15
5.	Chinari	03.03.11 21.50	PK AK SVD	5 30 10
6.	Berdavan	03.03.11 15.30	PK	20
7.	Berdavan	03.03.11 16.00	AK PK	4 4
8.	Khndzorut	03.03.11 14.15	AK	1
9.	Chinari	05.03.11 15.00	Machine gun 12.7 mm	2
10.	Chinari	05.03.11 17.20	PK Machine gun 12.7 mm	60 50
11.	Vazashen	05.03.11 17.00	AK	40
12.	Ajgepar	07.03.11 10.30	AK	2
13.	Ajgepar	07.03.11 12.15	AK	8
14.	Paravaqar	08.03.11 00.10	AK	10
15.	Ajgehovit	07.03.11 10.50	AK	2
16.	Berdaber	07.03.11 12.20	PK	8
17.	Yeraskh	07.03.11 19.30	AK	5
18.	Yeraskh	07.03.11 19.45	AK	5

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No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
19.	Yeraskh	07.03.11 20.10	AK	3
20.	Agarak	07.03.11 22.00	AK	3
21.	Chinari	08.03.11 20.45	AK	3
22.	Chinari	09.03.11 22.35	AK PK	10 15
23.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 21.50	AK	5
24.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 21.55	AK	1
25.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 22.05	AK	15
26.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 22.35	AK	20
27.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 22.45	AK	4
28.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 22.55	AK	5
29.	Yeraskh	09.03.11 23.35	PK	3
30.	Yeraskh	10.03.11 01.05	AK	15
31.	Yeraskh	10.03.11 01.05	AK	5
32.	Yeraskh	11.03.11 21.50	AK	1
33.	Chinari	12.03.11 18.00	Sniper weapon 12.7 mm	5
34.	Vazashen	12.03.11 12.10	SVD	3
35.	Vazashen	12.03.11 12.10	SVD	3
36.	Laligyugh	12.03.11 13.10	PK	4
37.	Azaramut	12.03.11 16.45	SVD	1
38.	Ajgehwvit	12.03.11 19.10	AK	8
39.	Berdavan	12.03.11 22.00	AK	6
40.	Vazashen	14.03.11 01.15	AK	30

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
41.	Berdavan	13.03.11 12.45	AK	3
42.	Berdavan	14.03.11 01.15	AK	15
43.	Berdavan	14.03.11 01.20	AK	15
44.	Yeraskh	13.03.11 15.30	AK	4
45.	Paravaqar	14.03.11 12.10	AK SVD	5 5
46.	Dovekh	14.03.11 16.30	PK	15
47.	Dovekh	14.03.11 16.30	PK	25
48.	Barekamavan	14.03.11 22.40	AK SVD	5 1
49.	Aygedzor	15.03.11 12.00	AK PK	30 20
50.	Paravaqar	15.03.11 14.20	AK	24
51.	Kayanavan	15.03.11 20.30	AK	4
52.	Bergaber	15.03.11 20.30	AK	70
53.	Bergaber	15.03.11 20.30	Machine gun 12.7 mm AK	10 25
54.	Vazashen	15.03.11 22.40	AK	15
55.	Koty	15.03.11 19.40	RPK 5.45 mm AK	3 5
56.	Yeraskh	15.03.11 21.50	AK	1
57.	Khndzorut	15.03.11 19.30	PK	5
58.	Vazashen	16.03.11 21.00	AK	25
59.	Berdavan	16.03.11 21.10	AK	1
60.	Sevakavan	16.03.11 15.05	AK	2
61.	Kayanavan	17.03.11 15.55	SVD	1
62.	Kayanavan	17.03.11 19.30	AK	20

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No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
63.	Dovekh	17.03.11 15.35	SVD PK AK	5 10 25
64.	Lichk	17.03.11 16.35	AK	2
65.	Berdavan	18.03.11 13.30	AK PK SVD	15 10 5
66.	Berdavan	18.03.11 13.30	AK	7
67.	Barekamavan	18.03.11 17.55	AK	12
68.	Ajgepar	19.03.11 15.00	AK	1
69.	Vazashen	19.03.11 16.00	SVD	2
70.	Dovekh	19.03.11 14.55	SVD	6
71.	Barekamavan	19.03.11 14.55	AK	8
72.	Barekamavan	19.03.11 19.45	RPK 5.45 mm	13
73.	Barekamavan	19.03.11 19.45	SVD RPK 5.45 mm	2 15
74.	Movacs	20.03.11 22.25	AK	4
75.	Vazashen	20.03.11 20.00	AK	10
76.	Vazashen	20.03.11 20.00	AK PK	50 50
77.	Margyugh	20.03.11 21.30	AK	3
78.	Koty	20.03.11 15.20	SVD	1
79.	Koty	20.03.11 15.55	SVD	1
80.	Koty	20.03.11 15.55	SVD	3
81.	Barekamavan	20.03.11 17.10	AK	30
82.	Barekamavan	20.03.11 17.10	SVD	4
83.	Voskepar	20.03.11 21.25	AK	2
84.	Koty	21.03.11 00.30	SVD	15

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No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
85.	Agarak	20.03.11 21.30	AK	3
86.	Berdavan	21.03.11 21.20	AK	60
87.	Aygepar	22.03.11 12.50	AK	3
88.	Vazashen	22.03.11 10.30	SVD	5
89.	Voskepar	22.03.11 23.20	AK	2
90.	Yanshak	26.03.11 18.15	PK	12
91.	Chinari	26.03.11 21.15	AK	15
92.	Aygedzor	26.03.11 21.15	SVD	15
93.	Bercaber	26.03.11 16.50	AK	15
94.	Barekamavan	26.03.11 19.00	SVD PK	4 2
95.	Barekamavan	26.03.11 20.40	PK	30
96.	Mehrab	27.03.11 17.00	SVD	2
97.	Chinari	28.03.11 00.50	PK	45
98.	Aygepar	28.03.11 16.55	AK	1
99.	Bercaber	28.03.11 20.30	SVD	3
100.	Bercaber	28.03.11 20.30	AK	5
101.	Nerkin Karmiraghbur	30.03.11 23.10	SVD AK	5 25
102.	Aygepar	30.03.11 19.45	AK	1
103.	Barekamavan	30.03.11 13.00	SVD	1
104.	Barekamavan	30.03.11 19.45	SVD	1
105.	Movacs	31.03.11 12.15	AK	4

			Firing from Azerbaijani side	
No.	*Direction*	*Date, time*	*Type of weapon*	*Ammunition*
106.	Chinari	31.03.11 09.20	Sniper weapon 12.7 mm AK	2 6
107.	Koty	31.03.11 11.40	RPK 5.45 mm	4

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Armenia from 1 March to 1 April 2011:

Number of violations: 107
Shots: about 1,407

PK ~ (343), SVD — (124), machine gun 12.7 mm — (62), AK ~ (865), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (7), RPK 5.45 mm ~ (35).

The violations of the ceasefire by the armed forces of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the borderline of Nagorno Karabakh from 1 March to 1 April 2011:

Number of violations: 1,045
Shots: about 5,888

RPG-7 — (1), PK ~ (917), RPK 5.45 mm ~ (10), SVD — (479), machine gun 12.7 mm ~ (101), sniper weapon 12.7 mm — (55), UTYOS-12.7 mm ~ (45), AK ~ (4,267), automatic grenade launcher 30 mm (13).